

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communications filed 3/21/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6,13-26 and 29.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 25 July 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Shelley M. Beckstrand on 6/8/05.

The application has been amended as follows: In claim 29, 3rd line the phrase "computer readable" was replaced by "computer executable". In claim 29, line 63, the phrase "computer readable" was replaced by "computer executable".

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-6, 13-26 and 29 are allowed.

3. Since allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant is encouraged to submit formal drawings in response to this Office Action. The early submission of formal drawings will permit the Office to review the drawings for acceptability and to resolve any informalities remaining therein before the application is passed to issue. This will avoid possible delays in the issue process.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. None of the prior art of record either individually or in combination teach the following:

-Separating work product descriptions from the process descriptions and relating them through an engagement model and an engagement template by a specific three phase process.

-Collecting at least one process description and at least one work product description through a specific three-phase process into a model.

The present invention discloses a systems integration method enabling consistency to integrated application solution design and delivery across different engagements with comparable and reusable results. The allowable feature of separating work product descriptions from the process descriptions and relating them through an engagement model and an engagement template by a specific three phase process is not disclosed by any prior art reference. The closest prior art, Sloane (US Patent 5,918,211) discloses a system and method for influencing and potentially altering a consumer's purchase decision at the point-of-purchase. This invention uses a portable bar code scanner to scan products in the store, and if a scanned product is currently under a promotion, the controller alerts the consumer's portable bar code scanner as to the promotion. The next closest prior art, Narasimhan, et al (US Patent 6,237,145 B1) discloses a system for accessing and displaying promotion information and for generating redeemable coupons based on at least one of the accessed promotions stores promotion information records. However, neither Sloane, nor Narasimhan, et al disclose the feature of separating work product descriptions from the process descriptions and relating them through an engagement model and an engagement template by a specific three phase process. This distinct feature has been

added to independent claims 1, and 26, and renders them and all claims that depend from them (Claims 2-6, and 14-25) allowable.

The second allowable feature of collecting at least one process description and at least one work product description through a specific three-phase process into a model is not disclosed by any prior art reference. The closest prior art, Sloane (US Patent 5,918,211) discloses a system and method for influencing and potentially altering a consumer's purchase decision at the point-of-purchase. This invention uses a portable bar code scanner to scan products in the store, and if a scanned product is currently under a promotion, the controller alerts the consumer's portable bar code scanner as to the promotion. The next closest prior art, Narasimhan, et al (US Patent 6,237,145 B1) discloses a system for accessing and displaying promotion information and for generating redeemable coupons based on at least one of the accessed promotions stores promotion information records. However, neither Sloane, nor Narasimhan, et al disclose the feature of collecting at least one process description and at least one work product description through a specific three phase process into a model. This distinct feature has been added to independent claims 13 and 29, and renders them and all claims that depend from them (Claims 14-25) allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Akiba K Robinson-Boyce whose telephone number is 571-272-6734. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Tuesday 8:30am-5pm, and Wednesday, 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on 571-272-6812. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-746-7238 [After final communications, labeled "Box AF"], 703-746-7239 [Official Communications], and 703-746-7150 [Informal/Draft Communications, labeled "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT"].

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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